PRESIDENT: That does not arise either. The question is about a particular work. You must confine yourself to that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why sanction was not obtained in 1104 and 1105 for carrying out the work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): We did not finish the investigation then, and estimates were not ready at that time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how much time is required for preparing the estimate?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): A considerable time is required.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Did the Department require two years for preparing the estimate of a bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Might be so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the learned Chief Engineer think that so much time is necessary?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Not in all cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government felt that where a portion of the work is executed and some money is spent it is a waste not to finish that work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No, not in all cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any particular reason for considering this case as distinguished from other cases?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): We have only acquired lands. The actual construction requires about Rs. 50,000. We have not funds for that now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it not known at the time when land was acquired that Rs. 50,000 was required for constructing the bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It might have been known.

Police Commissioner's rules under the Motor Vehicles Regulation.

44.* **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any rules framed by the Commissioner of Police or the Traffic Superintendent or both governing the conduct of motor vehicles and motor employees like drivers and conductors:

(*b*) whether such rules have any legal recognition and force of law;

(*c*) whether such rules are recognised by the courts of justice in the State;

(*d*) whether there is any finding by their Honours the Judges of the High Court that the rules are *ultra vires*; and

(*e*) whether the rules provide double punishment in the case of motor owners, drivers and conductors who commit offences under the Motor Vehicles Regulation?

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MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). Do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*e*) There is no question of double punishment, as the Court is concerned with individual offences, while the Commissioner of Police and the Traffic Superintendent are concerned with the suitability of offender for further service as an employee specified under the Motor Vehicles Regulation and the Rules thereunder. The Regulation empowers the Commissioner of Police to inflict departmental punishments in the interests of the travelling public and for better control of traffic.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether there are any rules in force not framed by Government under the Motor Vehicles Regulation ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why he has answered part (*a*) saying that there are no Rules framed by the Commissioner of Police ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : The Commissioner of Police has no power to frame Rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Apart from the power vested in the Commissioner, may I know whether there are any Rules framed by him ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : On a point of order. That question has been answered in the negative in part (*a*). There is no necessity for further questions.

PRESIDENT : I think that the question is in order.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether in the case of drivers, conductors and owners who violate the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Regulations, they are not punished by the Police Department ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : They are punished by the Police Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether they are not punished by the Courts of Law also ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : In some cases we place the cases before the Courts. In others the superior officers believe the reports of the subordinates and take action departmentally without going to the courts.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether in the cases of persons punished by the Courts of Law, the Police Department also punishes them ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have answered that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Is it not a case of double punishment ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : No, it is not double punishment.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there are any Rules for the guidance of the Traffic Superintendent of Police ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLLI (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have already answered that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I have not heard the member.

PRESIDENT : The member answered 'No'.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member under what category they regard the punishments meted out by the Court as well as the punishments meted out by the Police to the same individual ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLLI (*Commissioner of Police*) : I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member whether after the appointment of a separate District Superintendent of Police for traffic and the necessary staff, the local police have anything to do with the control of Motor traffic ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise under this.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member whether he is aware of the fact that most of the buses belonging to the Poineer Company are very old, resulting in frequent breakdowns on the way ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Am I to take it that drivers and conductors of motor cars are punished by Courts of Law under the Motor Vehicles Regulation and punished by the Police Department also?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLLI (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Is it not for the efficient working of the regulation that departmental punishments are effected ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : May I know whether there was a motor checking station at Edapalli ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : May I know who prepare the time-sheets for buses ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

Candidates selected for admission to the Madras Medical College during 1932 and 1933.

45.* **MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of candidates selected from each community by the Government for admission to the Madras Medical College, last year (*i. e.*, 1932) ;

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